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1. SUMMARY: DOE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BORRE AND EMBOFFS
MET JULY 27 WITH MININD DISRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY AMMASSARI
AND MFA ENERGY COORDINATOR RAMASSO TO DISCUSS THE ENERGY-RELATED
ASPECTS OF THE VISIT TO THE U.S. IN THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER
OF MININD DONAT-CATTIN. A TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN DONAT-CATTIN AND DOE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WAS AGREED UPON,
AND SEVERAL PREPARATORY VISITS BY ITALIAN TEAMS TO THE U.S.
WERE DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TENTATIVE AGENDA FOLLOWS:
A) THE U.S. NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN, IN PARTICULAR ITS
LIKELY NEAR-TERM IMPACT ON DEMAND IN LIGHT OF THE BONN SUMMIT
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B) THE GLOBAL SUPPLY OUTLOOK, INCLUDING OIL, GAS, COAL
AND URANIUM;
C) THE EC ENERGY ISSUES (AND IN PARTICULAR ENERGY-RELATED
TRADE WITH ALGERIA, USSR AND CHINA);
D) REVIEW OF BILATERAL ENERGY ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING NUCLEAR,
SOLAR, COAL, CONSERVATION).

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LAST POINT, THE ITALIANS PROPOSED SENDING FOUR GROUPS TO THE U.S. BEFORE DONAT-CATTIN'S VISIT; A SOLAR EXPERT GROUP (SEE REFTEL A); A COMMERCIALY-ORIENTED COAL GROUP (PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED, SEE REFTEL B); A NUCLEAR EXPERT GROUP AND A GROUP CONCERNED WITH FIANCING OF THE ITALIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM (TO VISIT EXIM). BORRE WELCOMED THE FIRST TWO GROUPS, BUT HE RESERVED A POSITION ON THE THIRD, WHICH WOULD BE CONCERNED WITH NATURAL URANIUM SUPPLY, SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND WASTE DISPOSAL. EMBOFFS INDICATED THAT THE FINANCING GROUP WOULD PRE-SUMBABLY BE WELCOMED IF IT CAME WITH THE REQUIRED DATA ON ENEL (NATIONAL ELECTRICAL UTILITY) FINANCES. MORE DETAILS ON THE INTERESTS OF THE SOLAR AND COAL GROUPS, WHOSE DATES IN THE U.S. ARE NOW PROJECTED AS SEPTEMBER 6-15, FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

4. THREE OTHER POTENTIAL SUBJECTS OF COOPERATION WERE MENTIONED: BREEDERS, FORECASTING METHODS, AND THE REMAINING ITEMS OF PROPOSED DOE/ENEL COOPERATION (ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS CONTROL AND STRUCTURE AND ULTRA-HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION). ON BREEDERS, AMMASSARI SUGGESTED THAT THE SUBJECT MERITED FURTHER DISCUSSION, DESPITE THE COLD ITALIAN RESPONSE DURING DEPUTY SECRETARY O'LEARY'S VISIT (REFTEL C). BORRE SUGGESTED THAT AS THE CO-OPREATION MOVED AHEAD IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO TURN TOWARD FORECASTING METHODS AS AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE. (IN THIS CONNECTION, PLEASE NOTE THAT ENGINEER BARONTI OF ENI RECENTLY HAD A FRUITFUL VISIT TO DOE'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR ANALYSIS OF ENERGY SYSTEMS AT BROOKHAVEN). FINALLY, IT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTED THAT WE COULD MOVE AHEAD WITH THE REMAINING ITEMS OF PROPOSED DOE/ENEL COOPERATION, LEAVING ASIDE BREEDER COOPERATION FOR THE MOMENT.

5. BORRE SUGGESTED A SINGLE, ONE-AND-A-HALF HOUR SESSION BETWEEN DONAT-CATTIN AND SCHLESINGER. AMMASSARI SUGGESTED TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS, ONE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE VISIT AND ONE AT THE END. BORRE AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. IT WAS AGREED THAT A BRIEF JOINT COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE ISSUED AFTER THE DONAT-CATTIN-SCHLESINGER THALK (OR TALKS).

6. DONAT-CATTIN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO THE U.S. BY OFFICIALS OF ENEL, ENI (NATIONAL HYDROCARBON AGENCY) AND CNEN (NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY), ALL OF WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE NEW TOP ADMINISTRATIONS BY SEPTEMBER. HOLMES

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